

The last major blood drive of the semester is a crucial one because blood supplies are low following Thanksgiving and will not be replenished again by students in the area until mid-January.

Key Blood Drive to Start Today

blood is very great in Orange County," Kwok said. "This is the last chance to give until mid-January."

Daphne Burrows, blood services con-sultant for the Blood Services Carolinas Region said high schools and colleges ac-counted for 25 percent of the blood do-nated in the area. "They're very important to us," she said. The drive will be particularly important

because it is sandwiched in between major holidays and only one residence hall has a blood drive scheduled after this one, Bur-

"Just coming off Thanksgiving we have pretty much of a deficit," she said. "It's kind of our last shot to do anything on

"It's scally, really important," agreed Niki Boyd, a junior from Cary and Blood-mobile co-chairwoman. "A big portion of the blood donated (in this area) comes from students. And elst more blood in from students. And a lot more blood is used over the holidays because there are a

sored by APO this year, and while Kwok said the drives in August and September were very successful, he said interest often waned as the semester went on. "The first ones are strong because people

are just coming back, and they haven't given yet," Boyd said. "October is usually the lowest." People who do donate blood are re-

quired to wait 56 days before giving again to allow their bodies to recuperate. So those who gave in the first two drives of this semester should be able to give their vital fluid this time around. "That gives us hope that it'll be fairly successful," Boyd said.

Kwok said people's fears were a com-mon reason for them not to give blood. "A lot of people are just afraid of needles, so they don't want to give," he said. "That's probably the most popular excuse." But he said he thought that was a poor

reason for not helping out those in need, and said donors had little to worry about "It's all a very sterile practice," Kwok said. "It's very safe. The Red Cross does a great iob.'

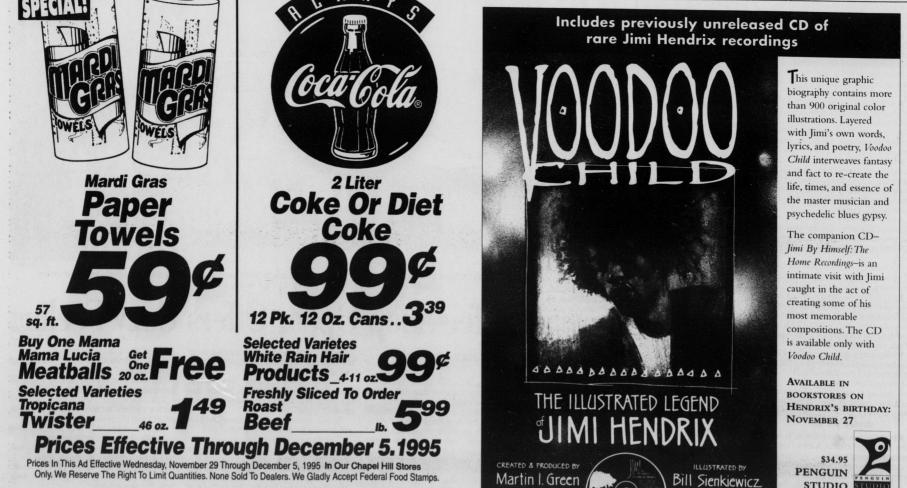
Monastery a Stop on Information Superhighway

even listen to a Gregorian chant. Or they can request to be remembered in the prayers of the monks who gather in the chapel

miles of narrow, rutted dirt road, the Ro-man Catholic monastery has no phone or electric service. It relies on cellular phones for its computer linkup. The only electric ity to the main building is solar generated. Heat is provided by burning wood.

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As early as the fourth century, the scriptorium — the room where Christian monks did their copying — was a source of revenue. And it was that age-old concern aboutsupporting itself that propelled Christ in the Desert into cyberspace. A couple of years ago, the monastery contracted to computerize library card catalogs. In June, it joined the World Wide Web and advertised that it would design web sites for others. "After all," says the monastery's home page ad, "we've been making pages for 1,500 years."



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